

I. Listing of Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) An air-bag comprising, ~~the air-bag defining~~ at least one inflatable region, the air-bag being provided with a gas supply duct extending into the air-bag, the gas supply duct being formed of a flexible material and being provided with at least one aperture therein through which an inflating gas may flow into the ~~[[said]]~~ at least one inflatable region of the air-bag, the ~~[[said]]~~ at least one aperture being provided with a reinforcement reinforcing a periphery of the aperture, wherein the reinforcement is in the form of stitching provided in the flexible material forming the gas supply duct and includes a length of thread which is disposed in the aperture and extends across the aperture to tie together opposing parts of the aperture, restraining the opposing parts from moving away from each other during inflation of the airbag.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) An air-bag comprising, ~~the air-bag~~ defining at least one inflatable region, the air-bag being provided with a gas supply duct extending into the air-bag, the gas supply duct being formed of a flexible material and being provided with a plurality of apertures therein through which an inflating gas may flow into the [[said]] at least one inflatable region of the air-bag, the [[said]] apertures being provided with a reinforcement reinforcing peripheries of the apertures, wherein the reinforcement being formed of overlapping portions of the flexible material affixed together by adhesive, wherein the overlapping portions do not extend around the gas supply duct and the aperture is in the form of a slit through the overlapping portions of the flexible material and the adhesive, the slit defining an outlet flap which opens from a substantially closed condition during inflation of the airbag.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) The air-bag according to Claim [[1]] 13 wherein the air-bag defines a plurality of inflatable regions or chambers.

16. (Currently Amended) The air-bag according to Claim [[1]] 13 wherein the air-bag is an inflatable curtain, the gas supply duct being positioned to supply gas to each of the inflatable regions or chambers.

17. (Currently Amended) The air-bag according to Claim [[1]] 13 wherein the gas supply duct is formed of a single layer of the flexible material.

18. (Previously Presented) The air-bag according to Claim 17 wherein the flexible material is fabric.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (New) The air-bag according to claim 7 wherein the flexible material comprises fabric or a plastic material.

22. (New) The air-bag according to Claim 7 wherein the flexible material comprises foil.

23. (New) The air-bag according to Claim 7 wherein the gas supply duct is of an elongate form.

24. (New) An air-bag according to Claim 7 wherein the gas supply duct is provided with a plurality of the apertures, each of the apertures being associated with a reinforcement.

25. (New) The air-bag according to Claim 7 wherein the air-bag defines a plurality of inflatable regions or chambers.

26. (New) The air-bag according to Claim 7 wherein the air-bag is an inflatable curtain, the gas supply duct being positioned to supply gas to each of the inflatable regions or chambers.

27. (New) The air-bag according to Claim 7 wherein the gas supply duct is formed of a single layer of the flexible material.

28. (New) The air-bag according to Claim 27 wherein the flexible material is fabric.

29. (New) The air-bag according to claim 13 wherein the flexible material comprises fabric or a plastic material.

30. (New) The air-bag according to Claim 13 wherein the flexible material comprises foil.

31. (New) The air-bag according to Claim 13 wherein the gas supply duct is of an elongate form.

32. (New) An air-bag according to Claim 13 wherein each of the apertures is associated with a reinforcement.